

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Mixed Rigid Plastics? Mixed Rigid Plastic (MRP) is a term that defines a category of recyclable plastic. It includes hard or rigid plastic items, as opposed to bottles, tubs, or film plastic (bags, shrink wrap and other flexible items). See the list of accepted MRPs on the inside of this brochure.

Can I put Mixed Rigid Plastics in my green cart? No. Mixed rigid plastics are a separate category of plastics and cannot be accepted with the plastic bottles and food tubs you place in the single stream recycling cart at your home. Please bring MRPs to the Recycling Depot at Rumford Ave., they will not be collected curbside.

What are some examples of accepted metal items? Metal file cabinets, shelving, wire hangers, bicycles, exercise equipment, down spouts, etc.

Can I place metal items in my curbside green cart? Only metal cans and bottles are accepted in the green cart, all other metal items should go to the Depot.

Do you accept Styrofoam Packing Peanuts or Plastic Bags? No. Packing peanuts can be reused or brought back to a shipping store. Plastic bags can be recycled at your grocery store.

Why should we recycle Mixed Rigid Plastic? It allows old plastic to be substituted for virgin plastic in the manufacture of new products, it saves crude oil, the raw material used to create plastic, it saves energy since less is needed during the manufacturing process when you use recycled plastic and it decreases the amount of trash Newton needs to manage, which can free up tax payer dollars for other services.

Recycling reminder:

Plastic bags are not accepted



Why? Due to their light weight, plastic bags can get stuck inside the machinery at recycling processing facilities. Please keep them out of your curbside cart.

What can I do? Grocery stores have designated containers for recycling plastic bags and other types of plastic film, such as dry cleaning, newspaper, and bread bags, cereal liners, and overwrap from paper products, like napkins and paper towels. Better yet, bring a reusable bag when doing your shopping!

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Recycling Program Updates Mixed Rigid Plastics, Metals and Styrofoam

at the Recycling Depot at Rumford Ave





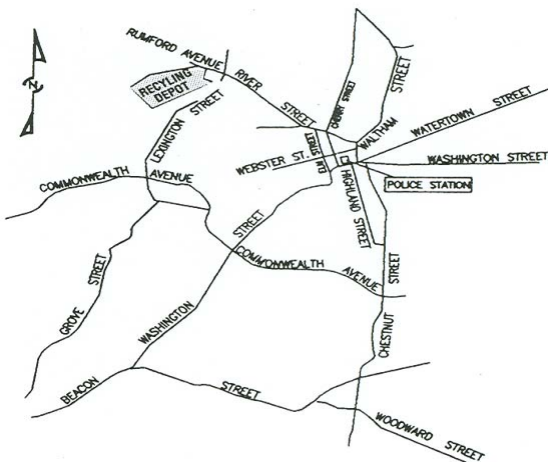
WHAT: Mixed Rigid Plastics (MRP) and metal items are no longer collected curbside as bulk trash items. You will need to bring MRP and metal items to the Recycling Depot for recycling.

MRPs are hard or rigid plastic items that are not bottles, film, or flexible plastic—See “Acceptable Materials” list —>

WHERE: The Recycling Depot at Rumford Ave (115 Rumford Ave)

WHEN: Monday – Saturday 7:30am-2:30pm. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Call ahead during times of extreme weather (rain, snow, heat)

WHO: All Newton residents. Proof of Residency required.



RUMFORD AVE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

Mixed Rigid Plastics

ACCEPTABLE MRP MATERIALS

- Plastic buckets, with or without metal handles (empty)
- Plastic milk/soda crates
- Plastic laundry baskets
- Plastic lawn furniture
- Plastic totes—any size
- Plastic drums, pallets—any size
- Plastic toys and playhouses
- Plastic children's toys
- Plastic pet carriers
- Plastic shelving and closet organizers
- Plastic dish drainers, coolers
- Plastic trash cans (empty)
- Plastic landscape and microwave trays
- 5-gallon water bottles
- Plastic flower pots (no soil)
- Plastic Computer housing (no circuits)
- PET and PVC blister packs

NON-ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- No Plastic film (grocery bags, shrink wrap) - bring bags back to grocery store
- No Styrofoam
- No glass or metal
- No plastic bottles
- No paper, clothes
- No Poly Coated paper (milk, OJ cartons)
- No wood
- No flexible water hoses
- No hazardous material or medical waste
- No oil, chemical containers
- No PVC pipe, Vinyl siding

Use appropriate containers at the Depot

Metal Recycling



Bulky metal items are not accepted as part of the bulky item pick up. These items are accepted for drop-off at the Recycling Depot. To arrange for a curbside pick up, you can contact CRT Recycling at 617.796.1904 for a fee.



Styrofoam Recycling

The City collects Styrofoam, also known as expanded polystyrene, for recycling at the Depot (no packing peanuts). Residents can bring clean, dry Styrofoam for recycling. Styrofoam must be in plastic bags. No other packaging materials or trash, please.



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